

CAL FIRE NEWS RELEASE

California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection



*Information affecting
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May 1ST BURN PERMITS REQUIRED

Morgan Hill – Commencing May 1st, 2016 the California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (CAL FIRE) will require a burn permit for any outdoor open burning in State Responsibility Areas (SRA) in the following CAL FIRE Units:

- San Mateo - Santa Cruz
- Santa Clara - serving Alameda, Contra Costa, Santa Clara and areas west of I-5 in Stanislaus and San Joaquin counties

State Responsibility Areas are generally the unincorporated, rural, grass, brush and timber covered lands. Open burning includes agricultural burns, hazard reduction burns but not campfires or BBQ's.

Individuals who conduct open burning must keep the fire size within the issued permit requirements at all times. All open burning permits will require: continual monitoring of the fire by an adult, a minimum clearance of at least 10 feet to bare mineral soil around the fire, adequate onsite control resources (tools, water, etc.) and no burning on windy days. Failure to maintain control of an open fire will result in the permit being voided and the permit holder could be cited and potentially held liable for paying fire suppression costs, civil damages and fines. Our debris burning safety video can be viewed at:

<https://www.youtube.com/v/ lIJu5lJhmc>

CAL FIRE burn permits are in addition to any required air quality control district and local fire agency permits. CAL FIRE Chiefs remind local residents "Open burning requires local landowners, to do due diligence to insure they are meeting all conditions set forth by authorizing agencies prior to conducting an open burn".

For more information on burn permits or wildland fire safety, residents can contact their local CAL FIRE facility www.fire.ca.gov

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